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Reba Bandyopadhyay is very pleased to be joining NSF as a AAAS S&T Policy Fellow in the National Science Board Office. Reba is an astronomer whose primary research interest is observations of X-ray binary stars in our Galaxy. In addition, as a National Research Council Associate in the Naval Research Laboratory's Space Science Division, as a support astronomer for the Gemini Observatory, and then as research faculty at the University of Florida, she worked on instrumentation and the ground- and space-based infrastructure of observational astronomy. Reba has supervised several PhD theses, taught undergraduate courses, and led public outreach programs. These experiences fueled her interest in policies related to the organization and funding structure for basic research in the US, as well as in the development of programs and policies to improve STEM education and career opportunities for women and other underrepresented populations in science. Reba is coming to the Executive Branch fellowship after a truly fantastic year spent in the office of Senator Brian Schatz (HI) as the American Physical Society's Congressional Fellow, where she worked on the Senator's education, science, space, and aviation portfolios. For fun, Reba enjoys sharing adventures with her husband and daughter, reading a wide array of fiction and non-fiction, travel, and photography.